

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
FINANCES  
OF THE  
TOWN OF SANDWICH,

BY THE  
COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS,

ALSO

*Report of the Assessors and Overseers of the  
Poor.*

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1880,

AND

*Superintendent of Public Schools,  
FOR 1879-80.*

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1880.

## TOWN OFFICERS OF SANDWICH, 1879.

*Town Clerk and Treasurer.*

H. G. O. Ellis.

*Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.*

H. G. O. Ellis, Charles Dillingham, David D. Nye.

*Auditors.*

D. F. Chessman, Frederic S. Pope, Joseph B. Hall.

*School Committee.*

Charles Dillingham, Aaron L. Burgess, Zadoc Wright, Cyrenus Eldridge, Jr., chosen in 1879 for three years. William C. Chipman, Ephraim C. Percival, Sarah T. McLaughlin, Stillman S. Ryder, chosen in 1879 for two years. Charles H. Burgess, 2d, John H. Stevens, Frederic B. Holway, David Armstrong, Hiram Crowell, chosen in 1877 for three years.

*Superintendent of Schools.*

Charles Dillingham.

*Constables.*

Ezra T. Pope, Charles Quinn, Francis G. Stilphin, William B. Marvel, Nathan Nye, Elisha H. Burgess, William E. Braman, Moses C. Waterhouse, Zadoc Wright, William A. Nye, Seth H. Redding.

*Pound Keepers.*

Micah Tinkham, Lyman W. Briggs, Seth O. Ellis, Benj. E. Swift.

*Board of Health.*

John A. Beckerman, William A. Bass, E. S. Whittemore.

*Surveyors of Highways.*

Nathaniel Wing, 1st, John B. Phinney, David H. Baker, David A. Hoxie, Benjamin W. Lovell, Nathan Nye, Ordello R. Swift, Seth P. Jones, Jedediah Briggs, Seth B. Wing, Wayman S. Swift, Joseph Ewer, Robert Armstrong, William R. Gibbs, Isaac H. Berry, Heman S. Hinds. Selectmen for Dist. 5, 6, 7.

*Sealer of Weights and Measures.*

Seth O. Ellis.

*Fish Committee.*

Jesse Barlow, George E. Phinney, David H. Baker, Sylvanus E. Handy, Anthony Little, Thomas M. Eldridge, E. R. Robinson, E. H. Burgess, Jesse F. Phinney, Daniel S. Gifford, Seth H. Redding, Robert J. Ryder.

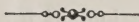
*Collector of Taxes.*

Nathan Nye.

*Superintendent of Almshouse.*

Gov. Elijah Hancock.

# FINANCES OF SANDWICH.



The Committee chosen to audit the Town accounts for the year ending January 31, 1880, have attended to the duties assigned them, and present the following

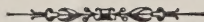
## REPORT.

*The Appropriations for the Year 1879 were*

For Schools,	\$7,000 00	
“ Paupers,	5,000 00	
“ Roads,	3,000 00	
“ Contingent,	2,500 00	
“ Overlaying,	193 74	17,693 74

*To which were added*

State Tax,	405 00	
County Tax,	1,531 58	1,936 58
Making a total of		\$19,630 32



*Summary of Receipts and Expenditures.*

The balance on hand Feb. 1st 1879 was	\$3,080 71
The receipts from various sources for the year, as found from the Treasurer's book, have been	25,544 93
	28,625 64
We find bills paid by the Treasurer during the year, to the number of 516, all of which we have carefully verified, amounting to	25,003 43
Balance on hand Feb. 1st 1880,	\$3,622 21



## *Treasurer's Account.*

H. G. O. Ellis, Treasurer.

The Treasurer has received amounts as follows :—

<sup>1879.</sup>	Feb. 1,	Balance due on settlement for the year ending		
		February 1, 1879,		\$3,080 71
		Cash received on acct. of Paupers having settlement in		
		other towns, are as follows :		
	Feb. 6,	Barnstable, for Louis Phinney,	\$41 30	
	13,	Brewster, " Robbins and Haskell,	51 70	
	17,	Freetown, " Brailey,	30 00	
	22,	Middleboro, " Morse and Lovell,	46 12	
	28,	Plymouth, " R. Thresher,	9 75	
	Mar. 11,	Fall River, " Mary E. Buffington,	30 00	
	14,	Harwich, " Eldridge, Shuster, Snow,	269 25	
	18,	Fairhaven, " G. E. Reeves, R. S. Styles,	44 00	
	May 8,	N. Bedford, " S. E. Willets,	20 00	
	Aug. 8,	Leicester, " Eliza Bryant,	33 85	
	<sup>1880</sup>	Jan. 3,	Medford, " Mrs. Gilman,	366 71 \$942 68
	<sup>1879</sup>	Oct. 7,	Isaiah Fish, Collector for 1876,	\$175 09
	<sup>1880</sup>	Jan. 31,	Isaiah Fish, amt. in full,	485 25 \$660 34
	<sup>1879</sup>	Feb. 22,	Levi S. Savery, Collector for 1878,	1,267 59
		Apr. 19,	" " " "	966 72
		July 12,	" " " "	1,146 71
		Oct. 4,	" " " "	619 74
	<sup>1880</sup>	Jan. 31,	" " " "	667 32 \$4,668 08
	<sup>1879</sup>	Sept. 15,	Nathan Nye, Collector for 1879,	2,704 39
		Oct. 10,	" " " "	2,254 75
		Nov. 4,	" " " "	2,405 84
		Dec. 12,	" " " "	2,295 91
	<sup>1880</sup>	Jan. 9,	" " " "	1,841 71
		31,	" " " "	2,893 48 \$14,396 08

# *Cash from State Treasurer.*

<sup>1879</sup>	Apr. 8,	Balance of State Aid,	\$105	47	
	Dec. 9,	Corporation and Bank Tax, &c.,	\$2,491	69	
		Less State Tax,	405	00	2,086 69 \$2,192 16
<sup>1880</sup>	Jan. 24,	Massachusetts School Fund,			207 34
		7, County Treasurer, Dog Tax,			257 00
<sup>1879</sup>	July 15,	Borrowed from J. W. Crocker,	\$600	00	
	29,	" " Chas. Dillingham,	400	00	
	29,	" " C. B. Jones,	180	00	
	Nov. 7,	" " James H. Faunce,	500	00	\$1,680 00
	Mar. 20,	Rent of Town Hall,	11	00	
	May 17,	" "	12	00	
	July 8,	" "	3	00	
	Sept. 29,	" "	17	00	
	Nov. 18,	" "	4	25	
<sup>1880</sup>	Jan. 6,	" " W.C. & I.K. Chipman,	37	50	
	31,	" " Joseph B. Hall,	35	00	\$119 75
<sup>1879</sup>	June 7,	G. L. Fessenden, Lease of Pond,	\$5	00	
	Oct. 22,	Thomas H. Tobey, for Pasture,	5	00	10 00
	July 8,	Barnstable Saving's Bank,	2	92	
	Nov. 17,	" Bank Book No. 930,	3	24	
	Dec. 5,	Insurance Dividend on Murphy House,	6	00	12 16
<sup>1880</sup>	Jan. 2,	Chas. B. Hall, School Books sold,	\$107	03	
	12,	A. F. Swift, " " "	19	52	
	17,	Asa Raymond, " " "	16	43	\$142 98
<sup>1879</sup>	May 28,	W. H. Meiggs, for Farmersville School House,	\$35	00	
	Nov. 1,	Laban Crocker, for Greenville School House,	25	00	\$60 00
	Oct. 9,	James H. Faunce, for cow,	\$20	00	
	27,	N. P. Swift, for cow,	27	50	\$47 50
	14,	For Barrels,	\$3	35	
	16,	" "	2	60	\$5 95

April 28, F. F. Perry, Peddlers License,	\$10 00
May 17, Isaac W. Holway, for stove,	2 00
Aug. 29, For Doors,	1 50
Nov. 18, S. Hamblin, for Wood,	1 00
26, Paul Wing, for Posts,	1 16
Apr. 4, James Keenan, Liquor License,	125 00
<sup>1880</sup> Jan. 3, Dr. J. Leonard, on account of drain,	2 25
Total Receipts,	<hr/> \$28,625 64

*The Disbursements during the Year have been as follows:*

Road Bills 104 in number.

Current Expenses for the year,	\$3,285 33
Monument Beach Road,	533 40
Catholic Cemetery Road,	362 48      895,88      \$4,181 21

Contingent Bills, 59 in number.

Current Expenses for the year,	\$3,538 62
Loans repaid during the year,	1,550 00      \$5,088 62

State Aid to Jan. 1, 1880, 1,015 00

Military Aid to Jan 1, 1880, 127 00

Pauper Bills, 164 in number, 5,572 50

School Bills, 189 in number,

Current Expenses for the year,	\$7,827 27
Amount paid for School Books as required by law,	\$186 80

Less amount supplied to teacher's  
desks and indigent pupils

charged in current expenses above, 30 38      \$156 42

Of this sum there has been	
sold to pupils,	\$142 98
Books paid for by the town	
and not sold,	13 44
	<hr/> \$156 42

New School House at Cohasset Narrows, \$970 41

Enlargement of Pocasset School House Lot, 50 00

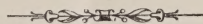


Daniel Gifford's Jet on School House, Head of the Bay,	15 00	\$9,019 10
Balance Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1880,		\$3,622 21
		<hr/> \$28,625. 64

The details of the Pauper and School Bills will be found in the classified statements of the Overseers of the Poor and the Superintendent of the Schools.

For the purpose of comparison we give amounts paid out during the year ending January 31, 1879.

For Roads,	\$3,499 23	
" Contingent,	2,119 21	
" State Aid to Jan. 1, 1879,	980 00	
" Schools,	10,050 60	
" Paupers,	6,719 20	24,368 24
Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1879,		<hr/> 3,081 71
		\$27,448 95



*Bills Paid on Account of Roads for the Year commencing Feb. 1, 1879.*

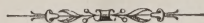
W. R. Gibbs, snow bill, \$32.20, repairs, \$4.90,	\$37 10
Seth B. Wing, snow bill, repairs,	35 53
B. Lovell, snow bill,	2 02
James Anderson, snow bill,	8 54
O. H. Eldridge, snow bill,	17 52
Levi Swift, land for widening road,	3 00
Benjamin F. Ewer, repairs,	8 25
Benjamin Lovell, snow bill and repairs,	4 80
G. McAllister, snow bill,	19 65
Chipman Fish, snow bill,	19 01
David D. Nye, repairs on Red Brook bridge,	4 50
Charles H. Harris, land damage, Head of Bay,	8 00
Wayman S. Swift, snow bill,	29 65
S. S. Ryder, snow bill,	15 19

Benjamin F. Ewer, snow bill,	7 42
H. S. Blackwell, repairs,	14 84
Benjamin S. Covill, repairs,	31 09
Samuel H. Nye, repairs and snow bill,	27 70
S. O. Phinney, snow bill,	8 72
Joseph Landers, snow bill and repairs,	42 15
Joseph Ewer, snow bill \$28.16, repairs \$4.65,	32 81
James H. Welch, land damages,	3 00
P. H. Robinson, snow bill and repairs,	29 55
J. C. Wing, repairs,	10 80
John Kelleher, repairs,	24 00
Thomas Murphy, repairs,	17 40
R. H. Hilliard, repairs,	8 40
David B. Haskell, curbing on Main Street,	97 77
Micah Tinkham, rep's \$8.75, contract-work on r'ds, \$107.50,	116 25
T. F. Atkins, carting drain-pipe,	3 00
A. A. Shuster, repairs, cemetery road,	8 00
O. C. Railroad, Co., freight, lumber Monument Beach road,	6 40
James H. Faunce, sand and loam,	3 29
James Horan, repairs,	16 50
George P. Nye, repairs,	7 50
E. M. Bourne, repairs,	2 75
Thomas W. Carter, Boston, drain-pipe,	116 62
Nathaniel Wing, 2d, repairs at North Pocasset,	166 88
David A. Hoxie, repairs,	73 07
David A. Hoxie, repairs,	29 00
Tillinghast & Terry, New Bedford, lumber for Monument Beach road,	49 42
Wayman S. Swift, labor on fencing Monument Beach road,	17 78
John Kelleher, repairs,	16 00
Nathan Nye, repairs,	13 62
Nathan Nye, repairs,	69 30
C. M. & F. Clark, cask cement,	1 87
F. C. Chadwick, repairs,	7 95
E. E. Ryder, 230 cedar posts for Monument Beach road,	36 80
D. H. Baker, repairs,	80 00
E. E. Smalley, repairs,	13 65
Robert Armstrong, repairs,	45 45
Chas. R. Swift, repairs,	10 31
B. W. Lovell, repairs,	73 41



Micah Tinkham, contract working Monument Beach Road,	345 00
Gifford & White, Wareham, railings for roads,	15 55
O. R. Swift, repairs,	68 95
John B. Phinney, repairs,	51 21
David D. Nye, Materials for Monument Beach road,	14 55
Isaac H. Berry, repairs,	22 40
H. H. Hinds, repairs, extra work on Cohasset Narrows road,	119 05
Wayman S. Swift, repairs,	128 31
Seth P. Jones, repairs,	77 53
B. Lovell, work, on Stony Hill road and other repairs,	164 58
Alfred Morris, land damages Catholic cemetery road,	35 00
James M. Raymond, trimming out Cohasset Narrows road,	6 75
J. Black, working road with M. Tinkham,	12 00
David Landers, repairs,	4 05
Joseph Ewer, repairs,	47 37
G. T. McLaughlin, repairs on road in 1878, Factory Village,	75 00
Nathaniel Wing, Jr., repairs,	58 80
Samuel H. Nye, repairs,	45 43
B. E. Swift, repairs,	7 50
D. B. Haskell, curbing, laying drains, setting boundary posts between Sandwich and Plymouth,	223 71
Laban Crocker, fence and fencing on Great Hollow road,	34 54
Jedediah Briggs, repairs on roads, bridge at N. Sandwich,	154 75
John W. Wedlock, lumber, fencing Catholic cemetery road,	53 98
G. Howland, spruce joist,	2 03
Charles E. Pope, repairs,	4 38
W. R. Gibbs, repairs,	77 45
James H. Faunce, building wall, Catholic cemetery road,	4 00
Wayman S. Swift, repairs and extra labor on Mill Hill Road, Pocasset,	155 25
Wayman S. Swift, stone for Mill Hill road Pocasset,	31 25
Ham & Carter, Boston, stone piping,	30 17
Micah Tinkham, contract, working Catholic cemetery road,	239 50
Ebenezer Nye, surveying, planning Monument Beach road,	2 00
Charles R. Swift, repairs,	8 00
David A. Hoxie, repairs,	20 92
D. B. Haskell, laying drain at Wm. Fessenden's,	29 25
S. B. Wing, repairs,	82 81
Robert Armstrong, land damage \$5.00, repairs \$16.27,	21 27
Micah Tinkham, repairs,	29 75

Geo. P. Nye, repairs,	9 00
Wm. A. Nye, snow bill,	8 57
Azariah Wing, repairs on Scorton bridge,	4 88
James Bassett, carting cinders and labor,	6 95
Eli Covill, carting cinders and labor,	8 05
James H. Faunce, 45 loads of sand,	2 25
Elijah Hancock, 79 loads of sand,	3 95
Azariah Wing, land damages,	5 00
Old Colony Railroad Co., freight on lumber,	4 50
P. McNamee, repairs,	12 00
H. G. O. Ellis, miscellaneous,	55 90
H. G. O. Ellis, nails for Pocasset and Catholic cemetery roads,	2 89
Total,	<u>\$4,181 21</u>



### *Contingent Account.*

<sup>1879</sup>					
Feb. 19,	Charles Quinn, Special Constable,	\$35 00			
Apr. 16,	" " " "	40 00			
May 28,	" " " "	30 00			
June 25,	" " " "	20 00			
Sept. 10,	" " " "	56 50			
Oct. 15,	" " " "	25 00			
<sup>1889</sup>					
Jan. 7,	" " " "	60 00	\$266 50		
E. T. Pope, services as constable, &c.,		\$14 00			
S. M. Waterhouse, services as constable,		1 50			
W. E. Braman,	" "	10 00	\$25 50		
T. McAllister, fighting fire,		\$ 90			
Joseph Dimmick, " "		2 92			
D. Armstrong and others, fighting fire,		7 35			
Laban Crocker,	" "	5 21	\$16 38		
Wm. Swift, abatement of taxes, 1878,		\$2 00			
W. F. Lapham, " " on property from					
1868 to 1878, by vote of town,		24 00			
Geo. Atkins, abatement of taxes,		20 70			
G. L. Fessenden, " " 1877-8,		89 96			

Presbury Wing, “ “ 1878,	9	20	
Jos. H. Lapham, “ “	2	16	
Shadrack F. Swift, abatement of taxes,	1	44	
S. B. Wright, “ “	1	38	
L. B. Burt, “ “	11	06	
William A. French, “ “	2	07	
James M. Raymond, “ “	1	38	
Rufus Kendrick, land taken for tax,	6	90	
“ “ “ “	30	50	
Stillman C. Bassett, abatement of tax on hall and property at Cohasset Narrows,	13	11	
B. Sears' estate, abatement of taxes for 1875-6,	37	10	
Sundry individuals, (See Abatement of Taxes),	88	80	\$339 76
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N. Burgess, committee on oyster beds,	3	00	
R. J. Ryder, catching oysters,	6	60	
D. H. Baker, services watching oysters,	24	50	
J. F. Nightingale, catching and salting herrings,	4	95	
“ “ work on fish-house and clearing river,	5	00	
G. Howland, lumber for fish-house,	3	27	
Thomas M. Eldridge, inspector of fishery,	7	75	\$55 07
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D. D. Nye, services as Selectman and Assessor to Mar. 3, 1879,	\$110	00	
Charles Dillingham, services as Selectman and Assessor to Mar. 3, 1879,	105	00	
H. G. O. Ellis, services as Selectman and Assess- or to Mar. 3, 1880,	128	50	
Charles Dillingham, services as Selectman and Assessor to Mar. 3, 1880,	87	50	
D. D. Nye, services as Selectman and Assessor to Feb. 1, 1880,	145	00	
H. G. O. Ellis, services as Town Treasurer, Clerk, &c.,	173	25	\$749 52
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First National Bank, Note paid Mar. 18, 1879,	\$600	00	
J. W. Crocker, Note paid,	600	00	
Jane Ellis, Note paid,	100	00	
Chas. Dillingham, amount on Note paid, (Included in bill by H. G. O. Ellis),	250	00	\$1,550 00
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Seaside Press, printing town report, check list, &c.,	104 00
Mason White, surveying road,	1 00
I. K. Chipman, services as Auditor of Accounts 1879,	7 00
W. A. Nye, " " " 1878-9,	10 60
Jas. E. Hathaway, Military Aid (see military aid acct.),	61 00
E. S. Whittemore, professional services,	15 00
Edward W. Ewer, services as Surveyor,	9 50
E. B. Nye, care of town hall,	15 00
H. G. O. Ellis, goods for lock-up and town hall,	2 86
H. G. O. Ellis, bill of \$345.33, less \$250.00, mentioned above,	
in Note paid C. Dillingham,	95 33
Isaiah Fish, collecting taxes of 1876,	225 29
C. H. Nye, County Treasurer, County Tax,	1,531 58
Nathan Nye, notifying district officers,	6 00
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	\$5,088 62



*State Aid to January 1880.*

Reliance Avery,	\$48 00
Elizabeth F. Chipman,	48 00
Mary A. Ellis,	48 00
Eliza A. Ellis,	48 00
Perez and Nancy Eldridge,	50 00
Bridget Gaffney,	12 00
John M. Perry,	72 00
Sarah S. Swift,	48 00
Phebe L. Wood,	48 00
Margaret McKowen,	48 00
Francis C. Swift,	72 00
Bethia Holway,	48 00
Dorcas Fuller,	24 00
Rosanna Dalton,	48 00
William W. Bourne,	36 00
Wm. P. Kelley,	48 00
Daniel W. Tribou,	72 00
Mercy Littlefield,	48 00
Nathan C. Perry,	36 00
Anna R. Fancy,	36 00

Mary C. Wilson,	44 00
Bradford B. Gibbs, Military Aid under law of 1878,	8 00
Barzillai Mannimon, " " " " " "	9 00
William McDermott, " " " " " "	16 00

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\$1,015 00

Military Aid furnished under law of 1879, one-half of  
which, only, will be reimbursed.

James E. Hathaway,	\$73 00	
Francis Woods,	42 00	
George W. Derby,	12 00	127 00
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		\$1,142 00



### *Collectors' Accounts.*

Isaiah Fish, Collector,	Dr.	
To bal. of taxes of 1876, uncollected Feb. 1, 1879,		\$660 34
	Cr.	
1679, Oct. 7, By Cash,	\$175 09	
1880, Jan. 31, " " amt. in full,	485 25	\$660 34
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Levi S. Savery, Collector,	Dr.	
To bal. of taxes of 1878, uncollected Feb. 1, 1879,		\$6,400 67
	Cr.	
1879, Feb. 22, By Cash,	\$1,267 59	
" Apr. 19, " "	966 72	
" July 12, " "	1,146 71	
" Oct. 4, " "	619 74	
" Jan. 31, " "	637 32	4,638 08
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Balance due Feb. 1, 1880,		\$1,762 59
Nathan Nye, Collector,	Dr.	
To Taxes of 1879, committed to him for collection, by the Assessors,		\$19,630 32

Cr.

1879, Sept. 15, By Cash,	\$2,704 39	
“ Oct. 10, “ “	2,254 75	
“ Nov. 4, “ “	2,405 84	
“ Dec. 12, “ “	2,295 91	
1880, Jan. 9, “ “	1,841 71	
“ “ 31, “ “	2,893 48	14,396 08
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Balance due Feb. 1, 1880,		\$5,234 24



### *Abatement of Taxes.*

In the items of the Contingent Account, page 10, are found amounts, for abatement of taxes, which have been allowed by the Assessors, for reasons stated as follows:—

#### ERRORS ON ASSESSMENTS.

Wm. Swift,	\$2 00	S. B. Wright,	\$1 33	
W. F. Lapham, by vote		L. B. Burt,	11 06	
of town 1868 to 1878,	24 00	Wm. A. French,	2 07	
Geo. Atkins heirs,	20 70	James F. Raymond,	1 38	
Geo. L. Fessenden,	89 96	S. C. Bas ett,	13 11	
J. H. Lapham, 1878,	2 16	C. C. Bearse,	69	\$169 90
S. F. Swift, 1878,	1 44			

#### HAVING DIED.

Wm. P. Bassett,	\$2 00	Daniel Fogerty,	\$4 00	6 00
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#### OUT OF THE STATE.

John C. Brady,	\$2 00	Wm. H. H. Perry,	\$2 00	
		John H. Kenney,	2 00	\$6 00

#### POOR AND UNABLE TO PAY.

Presberry Wing, '78,	\$9 20	Edgar W. Perry,	\$2 00	
Mrs. Chas. Anderson,	4 00	Geo. W. Swift,	4 00	
Wm. N. Chipman,	2 00	Thomas F. Turner,	2 00	
Thomas Gibbs,	2 00	B. Sears, 1875-6,	37 10	
J. Montague's heirs		James Mailey,	2 00	
by vote of town,	54 00	Dennis O'Leary,	2 00	120 30

#### LAND TAKEN BY TOWN FOR TAXES.

Rufus Kendrick, Isaiah Fish, 1874-5-6,	\$30 50	
Rufus Kendrick, Nathan Nye, 1879,	6 90	37 40
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		\$339 60



*Expenses attending construction of Monument Beach  
Road.*

Freight on lumber for fencing,	\$6 40
Tillenghast & Terry, lumber, do.,	49 42
Wayman S. Swift, labor, fencing,	17 78
E. E. Ryder, 230 cedar posts,	36 80
Micah Tinkham, contract, working road,	345 00
Ebenezer Nye, Surveying,	2 00
	<hr/> \$457 40
To which is to be added for land damages as awarded by the Selectmen, but not paid Feb. 1, 1880,	76 00
	<hr/> \$533 40

EXPENSES ATTENDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF CATHOLIC  
CEMETERY ROAD.

Micah Tinkham, contract, working road,	\$239 50
Alfred Morris, land damage,	35 00
J. W. Wedlock, labor, and lumber for fence,	53 98
	<hr/> \$328 48
Land damages awarded but not paid Feb. 1, 1880,	34 00
	<hr/> \$362 48



*Salaries of Town Officers for the Year ending  
March 1, 1880.*

Town Clerk and Treasurer, H. G. O. Ellis,	\$125 00	
Paying State Aid, recording deaths, births and marriages, H. G. O. Ellis,	48 25	173 25
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Superintendent of Schools, Chas. Dillingham,		300 00
Selectmen and Assessors, H. G. O. Ellis,	\$125 00	
“ “ Chas. Dillingham,	87 50	
“ “ D. D. Nye,	145 00	357 50
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Overseers of Poor, H. G. O. Ellis, to Mar. 1880,	\$128 50	
“ “ Chas. Dillingham,,	50 00	
“ “ D. D. Nye,	42 00	220 50
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		\$1,051 25

*The Financial Condition of the Town Feb. 1, 1879,  
was as follows :*

Balance of Tax of 1876, due from Isaiah Fish, Collector,	\$660 34
Balance of Tax of 1878, due from L. S. Savery,	6,400 67
Expected re-imbursement of State Aid,	980 00
Cash in Treasury,	3,080 71
	<hr/> \$11,121 72

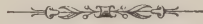
THE LIABILITIES WERE :—

Note, dated Sept. 18, 1878, 6 months 5 1-2 per cent. at Hyannis Bank,	\$600 00
Note, dated Sept. 30, 1878, on demand 5 1-2 per cent. Jane Ellis,	100 00
Note, dated Oct. 23, 1878, on demand 4 per cent. W. E. Packard,	650 00

	<hr/> 1,350 00
Balance in favor of the Town,	9,771 72

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\$11,121 72



*The Financial Condition of the Town Feb. 1, 1880,  
is as follows :*

Balance of Tax of 1878 due from L. S. Savery,	\$1,762 59
“ “ 1879 “ “ N. Nye,	5,234 24
Expected re-imbursement of State Aid,	\$1,015 00
“ “ of one-half of Military Aid paid out, (See page 16)	63 50
Cash in Treasury,	1,078 50
	<hr/> 3,622 21
	<hr/> \$11,697 54

THE LIABILITIES ARE

Note, dated Oct. 23, 1878, on demand, 4 per cent. W. E. Packard,	\$650 00
Balance of Note, dated July 29, 1879, on de- mand 4 per cent. Chas. Dillingham,	150 00
Note, dated Nov. 7, 1879, on demand 4 per cent. J. H. Faunce,	500 00

	<hr/> \$1,350 00
Balance in favor of the Town,	9,397 54
	<hr/> \$11,697 54

*State of Massachusetts in Account with Town of  
Sandwich.*

The following amounts were received Dec.  
1879, from the State Treasurer, due the Town,  
from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;—

For Corporation Tax,		\$437 25	
“ National Bank Tax,		1,044 36	
“ State Aid,	\$956 00		
“ Relief of Indigent Soldiers and Sailors,	24 00	980 00	
“ Support of State Paupers,		25 58	
“ Burial of State Paupers,		4 50	\$2,491 69
“ The State Tax paid by the Town to the Common- wealth, was			405 00

Balance received from the State, as given in the Treas- urer's account of receipts,	\$2,086 69
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In a review of the administration of the affairs of the town for  
the past year, there are some matters worthy of notice:—

The balance of taxes of 1876 due from Isaiah Fish, have been  
paid over to the Treasurer and the account closed:—

The taxes of 1878, in the hands of Levi S. Savery, have been re-  
duced to \$1,762.08:—

Of the taxes of 1879, amounting to \$19,630.32, committed to  
Nathan Nye for collection, \$14,396.08 have been paid by him to the  
Treasurer, leaving only a balance of \$5,234.24 still due, a smaller  
sum, it is believed, than has remained unpaid at the close of the  
year, for many years:—

The expense on the Pauper account has been reduced about  
\$1500, and with returning prosperity to the community, as seems  
now assured, will admit of still further reduction the coming year:—

There has been a question of settlement between this town and  
the towns of Leicester and Medford, in relation to the maintenance  
of two persons residing in Sandwich. This matter has now been  
satisfactorily adjusted by the persistent efforts of our Selectmen, and  
these towns have paid over to the Treasurer the sum of \$460.56,  
which in the past has been expended for these individuals; conse-  
quently the town will be relieved from further expense in their behalf.



The committee recommend that the bills be rendered to the town in such a way, that they may be arranged in appropriate classes, to exhibit both in receipts and disbursements, the payment made for specified objects; and they have, as far as they possibly could, classified the bills, that the amounts paid for ordinary and current expenses may be readily distinguished from the extraordinary and special.

These ordinary expenses cannot be severely criticised, and were the town to confine itself to such expenditures, our taxation would be light and easily borne; but as it is the last needle that breaks the camels back, so it is the extra appropriations which have the crushing power that extorts the bitter complaints from patient taxpayers.

Probably, few are aware of the large sums that have been expended by the town during these **LAST FIVE YEARS OF SEVERE HARD TIMES**. Some of the more prominent amounts are collected together for inspection.

Cataumet road, Pocasset,	\$460 64
Monument Beach road,	365 00
Paul and Marvel road,	1,200 00
Herring Pond road,	712 50
“ “ “ after storm,	325 00
Santuit Bridge road,	311 52
Mill Pond road,	1,091 30
Town Neck road,	1,103 60
Foot Bridge to Beach,	530 00
New Road to Monument Beach,	533 00
Catholic Cemetery road,	362 48
School House at Wakeby,	799 50
“ “ Scorton,	815 85
“ “ Spring Hill,	950 06
“ “ Head of the Bay,	1,106 82
“ “ Pocasset Furnace,	1,498 77
“ “ Greenville,	858 44
“ “ Cohasset Narrows,	970 41
Enlargement of lot for Pocasset School House,	50 00
Jet at Head of the Bay School House,	15 00
Moving the Murphy House,	429 36

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\$14,489 25

The Committee do not feel called upon to say that these amounts have not been judiciously expended, but they feel at liberty to remark that the aggregate is a **VERY LARGE SUM**, and that it would be well that ourselves, the tax voters, should give ourselves, the taxpayers, at least, a short breathing time before commencing anew.

It must be further remarked that our town officers are not responsible for these expenses; they, in these respects but obey the commands of the town. We have only ourselves to thank for our own doings. It is curious to look back in the town reports and notice the committees earnestly recommending that these extraordinary expenditures shall be withheld in answer to popular demand, but nothing has as yet stayed the tide of heavy taxation.

The Committee in concurrence with their predecessors would make the same recommendation and hope it may be heeded the coming year.



*Resources of Town for the Ensuing Fiscal Year, commencing Feb. 1, 1880.*

There remains of uncollected taxes due the Town,			
From L. S. Savery, 1878,	\$1,762	59	
“ Nathan Nye, 1879,	5,945	70	7,508 29

There is due from the Commonwealth,			
For State Aid,	\$1,015	00	
For Military Aid, one-half of \$127.00 expended which has been paid under law of the State, to be re-imbursed to the town as shown in the State Aid account,	63	50	1,078 50
Amount due from other towns on Pauper Account,			524 39
Balance on hand with the Treasurer,			3,622 21
			\$12,733 39

In compliance with the previous custom the Committee would recommend the following sums to be raised by taxation, for the expenses of the current year, to be applied as follows:

For Schools and Repairs,	\$7,000	00
“ Paupers,	4,000	00
“ Contingent Accounts,	2,500	00
“ Roads,	3,000	00
		\$16,500 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. F. CHESSMAN,	} Committee
FREDERIC S. POPE,	
JOSEPH B. HALL,	
	on
	Finance.

NOTE.—In addition to the \$16.43 received by the Treasurer from A. Raymond there was received from him by the Supt. of Schools \$6.31 for sale of books to July 1, 1879, which was used in payment of the following bills, viz:

Ginn & Heath, for books,	\$3 24
Wm. Ware & Co.,	1 00
J. Tewksbury,	2 16
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	\$6 40
By cash,	6 31
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### *Report of the Assessors.*

Number of Polls assessed,	762
Decrease from last year,	11
Total Tax on Polls,	\$1,181 10
Total valuation of Real Estate,	1,030,775 00
Decrease from last year,	17,875 00
Total valuation of Personal Property,	306,125 00
Increase from last year,	56,200 00
Total valuation, Real and Personal,	1,336,900 00
Increase from last year,	38,325 00
Rate of Taxation on One Thousand,	13 80
Total tax for Town, County and State purposes,	19,630 32
Decrease from last year,	615 16
Number of Dwelling Houses,	820
Increase from last year,	10
Number of Horses Taxed,	363
Decrease from last year,	40
Number of Cows Taxed,	450
Increase from last year,	148

D. D. NYE,	} ASSESSORS.
H. G. O. ELLIS,	
CHAS. DILLINGHAM,	



### *Report of the Overseers of the Poor.*

Expenditures for the Poor for the year ending January 31, 1880  
are as follows :

Expenses at Almshouse,	\$1,659 75
Outside Aid to persons having settlement in this town,	1,361 37
Aid in other cities and towns to persons having settle- ment in this town,	755 58
Aid to persons having settlement in other cities and towns residing in this town,	777 32
Amount paid Board in Taunton and Danvers Lunatic Hospitals for insane persons,	717 08
Board James Crangle state workhouse,	43 75
Feeding 21 Tramps, I. N. Small, E. O. Parker,	13 50
“ 73 “ at almshouse,	7 10
Miscellaneous Expenses, including salaries of Overseers of the Poor,	237 05
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	\$5,572 50



### *What has been Supplied at Almshouse.*

Groceries and Provisions,	\$668 40
Corn,	172 00
Fish,	28 50
Clothing &c.,	178 00
Coal,	31 50
Burial Expenses,	11 75
Iron Bedsteads,	20 00
Cows,	40 00
Miscellaneous Expenses,	212 65
Salary of Supt.	300 00
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	\$1,659 75
To Supplies on hand Jan. 31, 1879,	810 32
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	\$2,470 07

### *Stock on hand at Almshouse.*

3 Cows,	\$90 00
2 Yearlings,	24 00
1 Horse,	25 00

35 Hens,	14 00	2,470 07
2 Harnesses,	20 00	
Wagon,	10 00	
7 Tons English Hay,	105 00	
6 " Salt "	40 00	
6 bu. Corn,	4 20	
2 Pigs,	20 00	
Farming Tools,	35 00	
50 Cedar Posts,	8 33	
40 lbs. Fish,	1 30	
18 gals. Molasses,	7 20	
13 Cords Wood,	39 00	
2 1-2 Tons Coal,	13 75	
30 bu. Potatoes,	15 00	
700 lbs. Pork,	63 00	
15 bu. Turnips,	6 00	
10 bu. Rye,	10 00	
1 bbl. Sugar,	19 95	
80 lbs. Dried Apples,	6 40	
6 1-2 bbls. Flour,	52 00	
150 lbs. Butter,	45 00	
32 lbs. Coffee,	2 56	
169 lbs. Soap,	11 52	
100 lbs. Lard,	8 00	
20 yds. K. Jean,	5 00	
18 " Stripe,	1 80	
25 " Dennim,	3 20	
19 " Sheeting,	1 71	
8 " Gingham,	1 04	
Flannel,	2 50	
38 lbs. Tea,	11 40	
20 lbs. Tobacco,	10 00	
50 lbs. Saleratus,	2 50	
1 bbl. Beans,	7 80	\$743 26

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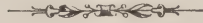
By Door's sold,	\$1 50		
" J. H. Faunce, for Cow,	20 00		
" Barrels sold,	5 90		
" Pasture, T. H. Tobey,	5 00		
" Noble P. Swift, for cow,	27 50		
" Paul Wing, posts,	1 16		
" Insurance Div., Murphy House,	6 00	67 06	810 32
			<u>\$1,659 75</u>

*Persons Supported at the Almshouse.*

David Fuller,	Ascenath Meiggs,
Joseph Marsh,	James M. Whitley,
Heman Dillingham,	Geo. E. Weeks,
Sarah Nightengale,	Geo. H. Weeks,
Kate Ellis,	Catherine O'Leary,
Sarah Collins,	Oliver C. Nye,
Freeman G. Swift,	Julia McHugh,
Sylvina Barlow,	Mary Smith,
James Crangle,	David Turpie,
Susan Gibbs,	Mary McCarthy,
Eliza Bryant,	Mary Jackson,
Alexis Keith,	Henry C. Nye,
Mary Coffee,	Moses Nye,
Almeda M. Pierce and child,	

Average number of inmates during the year, 21.

" Cost per week, \$1.51.



*Outside Aid to Persons having Settlement in This Town.*

Frank Lovell,	\$69 84
Mary A. Parks,	1 37
Wm. Dalton,	1 50
Wm. Talbot,	138 37
W. Talbot, has worked for town on farm and highways 134 days,	
Mrs. Philip Brady,	37 85
Charles Rocks,	70 05
Michael Woods,	6 37
James Beck,	104 60
Child of Almeda Pierce, sent to children's home,	29 60
Michael Hoey,	55 65
Michael Hoey, has worked four days on the highways,	
Rodman Hilliard,	6 50
Maurice Sheehan,	33 72
Moses Nye and H. C. Nye,	6 25
Mrs. Frederick Eaton,	31 75
Mrs. Hiram L. Perry,	42 75
Annie Swanzey,	14 00
Mrs. Wm. Estes,	86 48

Hattie Bennett,	31 25
Benjamin Thurston,	10 00
Oliver C. Nye,	32 85
Mrs. S. Creech,	21 00
Mrs. E. Raymond,	44 00
Thomas Adams,	30 50
Jane Wright,	24 92
Simeon Chase,	154 30
Simeon Chase has taken care of School St. house until sick, to amount of \$35.00	
Mrs. John P. Neiter,	87 00
Alexander J. Hathaway,	13 04
Mary Martin,	21 50
Betsey Bennett,	26 00
Jerusha Packard,	78 00
Ann Malia,	3 50
Levi D. Hamblin,	3 50
Moses Chadbourn,	32 36
E. Montague's child, burial,	3 00
Mrs. Jacob Woods,	5 00
Philip Smith and Sister,	3 00
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	\$1,361 37



*Aid to Persons having Settlement in this Town but re-  
siding in Other Cities and Towns.*

Mary P. Chadwick, Barnstable,	\$45 13
Sally Hilliard, "	38 00
Zenas Hoxie, "	73 00
Mrs. John W. Perry, Brewster,	60 15
Eugene Collins, New Bedford,	26 10
Polly Gibbs, " "	121 43
Elizabeth Wares, " "	33 00
John T. Huddy, " "	13 25
B. Manimon, Wareham,	27 84
W. Fisher, Fairhaven,	1 00
Caroline Burgess, Marion,	82 28



Alfred Gibbs, Easton,	46 00
Herman J. Smith, Springfield,	2 75
James E. Hathaway, Gardner,	24 00
Mrs. Wm. Bruse, Chelsea,	34 00
Joseph A. Baker, Yarmouth,	49 65
Isaiah Swift, Marlboro,	78 00
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	\$755 58

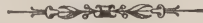


*Paid for Board at Lunatic Hospitals.*

W. H. R. Bassett, Taunton,	\$9 21
Abigail N. Fox, “	172 54
Joseph Edwards, “	171 45
Chas. W. Hamblin, “	204 25
Hannah D. Blake, Danvers,	159 60
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	\$717 08

*State Workhouse.*

James Crangle, board,	\$43 75
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*Aid to Persons residing in this Town having Settlement in Other Cities and Towns.*

Susan Murphy, Boston,	\$37 80
Mary Eliza Muse, “	7 00
Ruth S. Stiles, Fairhaven,	28 06
Mrs. A. Shuster, Harwich,	87 39
Nancy Eldridge, “	73 33
Salome Snow, “	63 00
Isaac Robbins, Brewster,	13 25
Mrs. Frank Haskell, “	21 75
Henry H. P. Lovell, Middleboro,	39 27
Clarinda Morse, “	25 00
Preserved Brailey, Freetown,	24 50
John Pike and family, State Paupers,	31 78
Lewis Phinney, Barnstable,	31 82
Lazrus Cathcart, “	3 77
Ella E. Willetts, New Bedford,	17 00
Henry Brailey, Acushnet,	69 50
John Keene, Marion,	23 50
Marcia A. Gilman, Medford,	179 60
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	\$777 32

*Feeding and Lodging Tramps.*

Paid E. O. Parker and Isaac Small, 21,	\$13 50	
At Almshouse, 71,	7 10	
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*Miscellaneous Expenses.*

C. Dillingham, travelling expenses in case M. A. Gilman and Eliza Bryant,	\$17 00	
Chas. Dillingham, Salary as Overseer of Poor,	50 00	
H. G. O. Ellis, " " "	125 00	
David D. Nye, " " "	42 00	234 00
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Total amount expended,		\$5,572 50

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By Appropriation,	\$5,000 00	
Rec'd. of town of Barnstable on account of Lewis Phinney,	41 30	
Rec'd. do. Brewster, Robbins and Haskell,	51 70	
" " Freetown, P. Brailey,	30 00	
" " Middleboro, Morse and Lovell,	46 12	
" " Plymouth, R. Thrasher,	9 75	
" " Fall River, Mary E. Buffington,	30 00	
" " Harwich, Eldridge, Shuster & Snow,	269 25	
" " Fairhaven, Reeves and Stiles,	44 00	
" " New Bedford, S. E. Willetts,	20 00	
" " Leicester, Eliza Bryant,	33 85	
" " S. Hamblin and Wood,	1 00	
" " Medford, M. Gilman,	366 71	
" of Amount credited Almshouse,	65 56	
" from State for State Paupers,	30 08	\$6,039 32
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Leaving an unexpended balance of,		\$466 82

There is also due from other cities and towns, which will

be received during the coming year, \$524 39

It will doubtless be gratifying to tax-payers to notice quite a large reduction in the amount of the Pauper bills, as compared with many years previous. The expenses have been considerably within the appropriation, showing an actual surplus of \$466.82, and adding to this the amount due from other cities and towns, there appears a surplus of \$991.21. As compared with last year, there has been a decrease in the actual expense of \$1,146.71. This has been caused principally by the general revival of business, several families being now self-supporting, which have been aided for many years. In several instances the aid appearing in the present report, is a balance from last year, and what was furnished at the beginning of this, but is now discontinued. We may reasonably hope for a still further reduction another year, and that the expenses of this department will soon be brought to a minimum amount.

CHAS. DILLINGHAM,	} Overseers
H. G. O. ELLIS,	
DAVID D. NYE,	
	} of the
	} Poor.





ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT.

OF

SCHOOLS,

ALSO

FINANCIAL STATEMENT,

FOR THE YEAR 1879-80.

REPORT  
OF THE  
SUPERINTENDENT.

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:—

In presenting this, my sixth annual report, it is my purpose not only to exhibit what has been done during the year, but more especially to point out wherein our schools are deficient, and what is required to meet the ever growing wants of the community, and the more advanced ideas of popular education. As I become better acquainted with the schools, and more familiar with their work, the wants and defects of each become more apparent.

The general condition of the schools is perhaps as satisfactory as at any time in the past. The most of our teachers are those of considerable experience, and as a whole have been earnest and laborious in their work. I believe it can be truly said that at no time has there been so much interest manifested throughout the town, in the welfare of the schools, by the people generally, as now. This interest appears in the demand for better school buildings, the more punctual attendance of the children, and especially in the demand for a higher grade of teachers.

The changes which have occurred among our teachers have been quite numerous, and for various causes. In several instances it has been our inability to pay the compensation demanded. A great mistake is often made by the local Committees in discharging a really excellent teacher to gratify the prejudice of one or two individuals who know nothing of the schools except by outside reports, often without a shadow of truth.

#### SCHOOLS, BUILDINGS, &c.

There have been maintained at the public expense during the whole or a part of the school year, twenty-one schools in sixteen different school buildings; employing twenty-four teachers and assistants; being an increase of one building and three teachers from last year. By a vote of the town at the last annual meeting, a school-house has been built at Cohasset Narrows and a school put in operation in the fall. The cost of the building, including the furnishing and the lot, will not vary much from one thousand dollars. The school has been graded in part, with the Monument Grammar School; as it should be for the present at least; as the distance is not too far for children of the Grammar School age to walk, and it must be some years before the school of itself can be anything but a mixed one. Moreover the instruction in the lower grades can be made much more efficient than it could otherwise. I advise that the three schools of this section, viz.: Monument, South Monument and Cohasset, be graded with the centre school at Monument. This would be the means of establishing, in a very short time, a high graded Grammar School; affording most of the advantages of a high school.

The increase in the number of pupils at Pocasset (Furnace), particularly in the winter term, seemed to call for some assistance in the teachers department. The instruction in a mixed school of more than forty pupils by one teacher, must necessarily be limited; and as there is in the school quite a class of large boys, whose only opportunity of attending is during the winter term, they are certainly entitled to their full share of the teachers attention. Accordingly a young lady residing in the vicinity has been called in to take charge of the primary classes during a part of each day. I will add in this connection that no school in town has improved more in its general appearance than this. The people of this district are fortunate in securing and retaining the services of so faithful and energetic a teacher.

## EXPENDITURES.

The expenses of the schools are now reduced to the lowest possible amount. It was shown last year that the compensation of our teachers was less than the average throughout the State, and less than in the adjoining towns. It has been necessary to use the most rigid economy, to deny ourselves in many instances what were necessities, in order to keep the expenditures somewhere near the appropriation. The amount expended this year is somewhat in excess of last, owing to quite extensive repairs on the school buildings. The houses at South Pocasset, Monument and the Bay were painted by contract two coats; proposals were issued for but one; but it was found upon examination that they were very much worn, that it would be cheaper in the end to have the work done thoroughly. The repairs recommended upon the primary room on School street, have been completed, making it a convenient and pleasant room; had they not been made the school could not have been accommodated, as it numbered during the summer term about seventy scholars. Some much needed painting was also done in the two lower rooms of the Jarvesville house.

## REPAIRS RECOMMENDED.

Further repairs are required in the other rooms on School street, nothing of any amount having been expended since the house was built, thirty-four years ago. The desks need renovating by planing and varnishing. The blackboards which are of plaster and much out of repair, should be replaced in part with wood and all reslated, both rooms, halls, and the whole exterior of the building painted.

The house at South Monument requires painting, and some repairs in the school room and hall.

The house at Jarvesville is much out of repair, but I do not advise anything more done than to keep it comfortable. It stands in a very exposed situation, is much larger than is required, and was a sham originally. As a school-house it must be abandoned in a very few years, and a more convenient one in a suitable location be built.

## DEFECTS.

Although as has been said elsewhere, our schools are generally in a satisfactory condition, and the outlook for the future very encouraging, there are radical defects existing that demand our im-



mediate attention. These defects exhibit their results where we would naturally expect to find them, viz., in the Grammar School grades and High School. It is my habit when visiting the schools if present during an exercise in arithmetic to dictate problems for immediate solution. I have been surprised at the inability of a large proportion of the pupils, to comprehend the conditions, and reason to a correct result. To test this subject, and to ascertain the comparative rank of the different schools, and the character of their work, I prepared two practical questions which have been dictated to all the classes of the Grammar School grade. The result has not been very satisfactory. If the questions had been found in the books, in the regular routine of school work, under a specified rule, but few of ordinary capacity would have failed in the solution. It is well known that the reasoning power of children of twelve and fourteen years are undeveloped, and this without doubt is one cause of the failure; but another more prominent cause is the want of proper training in the lower grades; and the remedy to be effective must begin here. The reasoning powers of the child must be cultivated from the day he enters the school-room, and continued through all the different grades, beginning with objects presented to the eye, and followed by familiar talks by the educated and trained teacher.

The second defect to which I desire to call attention is the inability of our children to express in clear language either oral or written their own thoughts on subjects completely understood. This is seen in recitations, when the scholar departs from the text and attempts to use his own language; in the distaste most scholars have for writing "composition." This is not as it should be, or as it might be. The mistake is in postponing the work until the closing years of school life; whereas it should commence with the very entrance upon it. The power of expression in correct language, either written or spoken, is of the first importance, and should be carefully cultivated from the lowest class in the primary, to the most advanced in the High School. The principal of the High School discovered this mistake sometime ago, and is endeavoring to correct it as far as possible by requiring the entering class to write short essays upon easy subjects several times each week, in books prepared for this purpose. I mention this, because it is a step in the right direction. To gain knowledge is certainly the great object of instruction. But is it not almost of equal importance to

know how to use it?

The question now recurs: how shall we remedy these defects in the lower grades? "What and how shall we teach." This question has been answered by another so clearly, and to me so satisfactorily that I use his words.

"I would teach reading, viz., how to read understandingly; writing, viz., how to commit one's own thoughts to paper; arithmetic, viz., how to reckon and reason; speaking, viz., how to give verbal utterance to one's own thoughts,—the last not the least but the most. I would so teach the others as to make them auxiliary to this. In brief, all branches, from the lowest to the highest, should be so taught as to draw from the pupil complete and precise statements, the teacher asking few "leading questions" and accepting no monosyllabic answers; the pupil receiving, of course, needed assistance to his understanding or expression. In this way I would teach language with all branches, but I would not depend solely upon instruction in these to develop the precious power of speech. A daily language lesson, beginning with the first term of our lowest grade and continued through several grades, can be so conducted as to realize what we desire.—[Supt. Kirtland.

#### TEACHERS.

The central figure of every school is the teacher;—she must not only be one in name but in fact; the success of any method of teaching depends entirely upon her;—she must not only have the requisite knowledge, but the ability and tact to impart it;—and last, but not least, the power to control. Without these qualifications she will certainly fail in some one direction.

The teacher's profession is a most honorable one, and a desire to enter it from right motives is to be commended. But the disposition manifested on every hand by young people without any natural aptitude and little or no training, to crowd into its ranks, and take up the work only as a makeshift until something better or more congenial offers, tends to diminish public respect for the profession, and works incalculable injury to the schools.

The Boston Board of School Supervisors in referring to the inadequate provision for the examination of candidates in the city uses the following: "There were not wanting those who had come to consider our schools as a kind of eleemosynary institutions for the support of class that would shrink from ordinary means of

charity. A certain kind of nepotism had come to be recognized as legitimate in the supply of teachers to our schools, and the result of it was that not a few were employed and paid by the city who never should have been appointed." Does not the evil here referred to exist to some extent in Sandwich? The law provides that "School Committees shall require full and satisfactory evidence of the good moral character of all instructors who may be employed; and shall ascertain by personal examination, their qualifications for teaching and capacity for the government of the schools."

Let it be distinctly understood that no person shall be employed as a teacher in any of our public schools without such personal examination; that the term qualification does not include literary attainments alone, but proper training, methods of teaching and natural tact for the work;—I apprehend we shall hear very little of incompetent teachers, or that our children are not interested in their studies. Lack of interest in study, as a rule, is the result of poor teaching. We demand the services of skilled mechanics; should we not for more important reasons, demand that the education of our children be entrusted to teachers trained for their profession?

The time is past when anybody can teach school, even a country school. The time has come when the people are demanding that the youth of their children shall not be wasted by superficial incompetent teaching.

It is well understood that teachers thoroughly competent in all respects, will command better salaries than those that are half competent. It will cost us more to employ the former; but it will certainly be cheaper in the end. A poor teacher is expensive at any price. I would therefore advise all those who desire to take up the honorable position of teacher, first to fit themselves for the profession by culture and proper training,—then if they have natural capacity and tact, good positions, at honest wages, will be open to them; if not in Sandwich, certainly elsewhere.

#### CONCLUSION.

A very interesting discussion is now going on among our best educators in regard to methods of instruction; particularly in the primary grades. It is very generally conceded I think, that in some respects the schools of our old Commonwealth are inferior to those of some of the younger states in the West. The introduction of some of their methods into the schools of two or three of

our larger towns, has created an interest in the subject of public instruction not witnessed since the days of that great apostle to the public schools, Horace Mann. There are times in all departments of life, when there is a general moving forward; usually the result of the work of some one individual. Our schools passed through such a period during the life of Mr. Mann. He believed that there were better methods of instruction than there existed; that teachers should be better qualified for their work. He put new ideas in circulation, and the influence of those ideas is felt today in every school throughout the length and breadth of our land. Other men and women have taken up the work and planted the standard still farther in advance. I believe the present dissatisfaction with the work of our schools has taken rise in the discovery of new and better methods of instructions. The new method has been aptly termed the investigation method.

It is *THE* method; the pupil examines the thing to be learned for himself. The teacher is supposed not to tell him anything he can find out,—he is only to direct the pupil's powers by questions and encouragement. The true object of the school is to cause the pupil to do the most work possible,—not of memory-work, but of thinking-work, investigating work.—[New York School Journal.

Every class from the lowest primary to the most advanced, should be conversed with, instead of lectured, and encouraged to express their own opinions upon all subjects that may come before them.

Says Supt. Allard of Milton, "The leading object of instruction in the primary grades,—and I would add in all grades—is to teach the child to perceive, observe, compare and construct, to cultivate the imagination and memory; to induce, from the first school session, habits of attention and thought, and early to lay the foundation for a ready and correct use of English, both oral and written. As a proof of its value, I report that the best reading and the best original writing are invariably found in the classes when these object or talking lessons are given most intelligently and frequently.

Every good and noble element in the training of a child within a well ordered home should be reproduced, as far as may be, in the instructions and recreations of the Primary School."

The Primary School then,—and I include all grades below the High School,—hold the most important position in the great field of education. It is here the thirst of knowledge is to be enkindled.



It is here that the faithful teacher exerts the most potent influence in moulding the character and shaping the destiny of those intrusted to her care.

Believing that the true object in teaching is to draw out the original powers of the pupil; that the young need no other incentive to get knowledge than that the subjects taught should be presented aright; it is to this end my work in the schools during the year has been directed:—and it is pleasant to add that my efforts have generally had the earnest co-operation of the teachers.

#### HIGH SCHOOL.

This school has been in charge of the same teachers, under whose successful administration it has so long remained. The public had an opportunity of judging of the character of its work at the graduation exercises at the close of the last school year.

It has again been the recipient of the bounty of the Trustees of the Academy; they having recently purchased for its use a complete set of Appleton's Encyclopaedia. Those who are acquainted with the character of this work can judge something of its value to the school.

The Trustees have also within a few days purchased the Well's Estate, upon which they purpose to erect during the summer a building suited to the wants of the school.

At the close of the last school year a class of eleven was graduated. Their names are as follows:

Susie Louisa Fessenden,	Lizzie Linwood Savery,
Louise Lincoln Savery,	Sarah Lizzie Chipman,
Nellie Richmond Jones,	Mary Elizabeth Wing,
William George Wing,	Frank Lindley Howland,
Alfred Ellsworth Dillingham,	John Thomas Larkin,
	Dennis O. Leary.

As the result of the examination in the Grammar Schools last year, thirty scholars were found to have attained to a percentage entitling them to admission to the school in September. The questions were given to all the Grammar Schools in town, as a test of their work. Of those who reached the standard, one was from Pocasset (Furnace), six from Monument, one from the Bay, two from West Sandwich, one from North Sandwich, two from Spring Hill, seventeen from School Street. Twenty-one of these entered the school in September.

### TEXT BOOKS.

The Committee in adopting the recommendation in the report of last year, simply complied with the law, in regard to the supply of text books. As there has been some misunderstanding in reference to this subject, some thinking that books are now furnished by the town without charge to the pupils, I give the Statute in full:

SECT. 29. The school committee shall procure, at the expense of the city or town, a sufficient supply of text-books for the public schools, and give notice where they may be obtained. Said books shall be furnished to the pupils at such prices as merely to reimburse the expense of the same. The school committee may also procure, at the expense of the city or town, such apparatus, books of reference, and other means of illustration as they deem necessary for the schools under their supervision, in accordance with appropriations therefor previously made.

SECT. 30. If any scholar is not furnished by his parent, master or guardian, with the requisite books, he shall be supplied therewith by the school committee at the expense of the town.

SECT. 31. The school committee shall give notice in writing to the assessors of the town of the names of the scholars supplied with books under the provisions of the preceding section, of the books so furnished, the prices thereof, and the names of the parents, masters or guardians, who ought to have supplied the same. The assessors shall add the price of the books to the next annual tax of such parents, masters or guardians; and the amount so added shall be levied, collected and paid into the town treasury, in the same manner as the town taxes.

SECT. If the assessors are of opinion that any parent, master or guardian, is unable to pay the whole expense of the books so supplied on his account, they shall omit to add the price of such books, or shall add only a part thereof, to his annual tax, according to their opinion of his ability to pay.

## SCHOOL TEACHERS AND SALARIES.

High School, Benjamin Cook,	\$1,100	per year.
Miss Carrie M. Bassett,	32	per month.
School Street Grammar, Benjamin G. Bartley,	50	"
Intermediate, Miss R. R. Newcomb,	32	"
Primary, Miss Olive Holbrook.	30	"
" Miss Emily B. Stodder,	30	"
West Town Primary, Miss Clara H. Sears,	32	"
Jarvesville Intermediate, Miss S. T. McLaughlin,	32	"
Primary, Miss S. M. Woods,	30	"
West Sandwich Grammar, Mr. Leonard,	32	"
" Miss Lousia Weston,	32	"
Primary, Miss E. R. Perkins,	20	"
North Sandwich, John C. Packard,	30	"
Miss Isabella H. Howe,	32	"
Bay, Miss Laura S. Delano,	28	"
Monument Grammar, Miss T. W. Jenkins,	32	"
" "	40	"
Primary, Mrs. H. T. Gray,	28	"
Cohasset, Miss Annie A. Gibbs,	28	"
South Monument, Miss Emma E. Foster,	28	"
Lina Chamberlain,	28	"
Pocasset Furnace, Miss J. S. Bartlett,	35	"
" "	40	"
Miss Barlow, (Assistant)		"
Pocasset South, Miss S. B. Perry,	32	"
Miss Parsons,	32	"
Greenville, Miss J. E. Bowers,	28	"
South Sandwich, Miss Lina Chamberlain,	28	"
Miss Nellie Woods,	28	"
Spring Hill, Miss Mary Wing,	30	"
B. G. Bartley,	32	"
Scorton, Miss Mercie F. Percival,	30	"

The Scholars whose names are found in the following list are worthy of honorable mention, for their constancy and regularity in daily attendance.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

Alice Littlefield,	Margaret Brady,	Frank H. Foster,
Ida Whittemore,	John Armstrong,	Hattie Fessenden,
Bridget Brady,	Lombard C. Jones,	Flossie Drake.

The above named scholars have not been absent during the year.

## JARVESVILLE.

James McHugh,	Bella Cole,	Minnie McCann,
James McCann,	Susie McParlin,	Mary A. Grady,
Willie Swansey,	James Greenan,	Annie Shehan,
Willie Murphy,	Michael Canary,	Nellie Kelleher,
Thomas Kelleher,	Patrick Donovan,	Katie Black,
James Kelleher,	Philip Murphy,	Katie Swansey,
Francis Humphrey,	Richard Cole,	Bella Irving,
John Brady,	Mary Hoey,	Mary Smith,
Willie Cole,	George Barnes,	Maggie Callahan.
Maggie Brady,	Patrick Coffee,	

## NORTH SANDWICH.

Ernest Blackwell,	George Battles,	Abbie Hartford,
Elmer Gibbs,	Susie Runnells,	Lizzie Raymond.
Nellie M. Burgess,	Mamie Howard,	

## WEST TOWN.

Carrie M. Chipman,	Nellie M. Donovan,	Emily Chamberlain,
Bertie E. Boyden,	Katie B. Folger,	Chas. F. Chamberlain.
Ethel McLaney,	Ezra J. Bourne,	
Eddie L. Ford,	Bennie Cook,	

Carrie M. Chipman and Bennie Cook have been present every day for two years, and tardy but once. Chas. F. Chamberlain has been absent but one-half day during the year.

## MONUMENT.

George Eldridge,	Lucius M. Perry,	Grace Parker.
Minnie Wing,	May Burgess,	

## SOUTH MONUMENT.

Henry H. Perry,	Thomas Perry,	Mamie Perry.
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## POCASSET FURNACE.

Sarah Gibbs,	Chester Kendrick,	Minnie Lumbert,
Myra Lumbert,	James Reardon,	George Gibbs.
John Beckerman,	Minnie Wright,	
Annie Wing,	Chester Wright,	

## WEST SANDWICH.

Sadie Welch,	Frank B. Ellis,	Daniel B. Nye.
Edith Swift,	Fred Swift,	
Johnnie L. Gibbs,	Elmer L. Gibbs,	



## SCHOOL STREET.

Frank Atwood,	Lulie F. Drake,	Mary E. Nye,
Willie Wright,	Willie A. Lapham,	Ezra J. Bourne,
Alice F. Bangs,	Hugh Brady,	Chester P. Holway,
Nannie Fessenden,	James H. Kelleher,	James McArdle,
Mary A. Brady,	John Holway,	Mamie C. Ellis,
Willie Bicknell,	Charles Jones,	Katie Folger,
Wilfred Dalton,	Joseph Miller,	Minnie A. Morris,
A. Dwight Stratton,	Frank Thompson,	Maud E. Pope,
Richard Raybold,	Chas. Welch,	Chas. H. Donovan,
Walter M. Chipman,	Ezra T. Pope,	Nelson W. Fish,
John Brady,	Hitie E. Perry,	Mary Atkins,
Thomas Brady,	Lina A. Jones,	Mamie E. Ellis,
Helen M. Keene,	Maud P. Lapham,	Mamie C. Haskell,
Lillie T. Pope,	Bertha P. McLaney,	Winifred Morris,
Nellie Braley,	Walter Chamberlain,	Alice Tobey,
Gertie Burbank,	Eddie Hunt,	Hattie Hart,
Gertie Lovell,	Harry Lapham,	Willie Tobey.

## SOUTH POCASSET.

Willie Clement,	John Swift,	Howard Wing.
Alice Swift,	Willie Nye,	

Lena and Henry Dimmock have not been absent during the year.

## SPRING HILL.

Rosa Hoxie,	Mary Jones,	Harry Clark,
Willie Gilman,	Willie Chipman,	Carrie Holway.
Annie Ewer,	Bertie Chipman,	

## COHASSET NARROWS.

Willie F. Pierce,	Geneva Ames.
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## SCORTON.

Mary J. Hilliard,	Delia Nye,	Annie B. Holway,
Frances A. Bodfish,	Violet Holway,	Russell Holway.

## BAY.

Mattie Gibbs,	Hattie P. Ryder,	Willie A. Basset,
Bessie D. Ryder,	Cranston F. Godfrey,	Chas. H. Ryder,
Hannah L. Holmes,	George T. Ryder,	Chas. H. Baker.

GREENVILLE, No Returns.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

To amount expended for schools to Feb. 1st, 1880.

Current expenses,	\$7,796 89
Cost of New House at Cohasset Narrows, and other items not properly belonging to the current account.	
New House at Cohasset Narrows,	970 41
Additional land for lot at Pocasset,	50 00
Daniel S. Gifford, jet for Bay House,	15 00
Amount paid for School Books,	186 80
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	\$9,019 10

## CR.

By Total amt. available for School purposes in 1879.

Town Grant,	\$7,000 00	
Income from Massachusetts School Fund,	207 34	
Dog Fund,	257 00	
Amt. sale of School Books to Jan. 1, 1878,	143 93	
Amt. rec'd from School House at Greenville,	25 00	
W. H. Meiggs, Farmersville House,	35 00	
Balance deficiency,	1,350 83	\$9,019 10
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The above shows an actual deficiency of \$380 40 in the current expenses of the Schools, as the town voted to hire a sum sufficient to cover the cost of the building at Cohasset Narrows, \$970 41.

I recommend that there be appropriated for Schools and Repairs of School-houses the present year, the sum of \$6500, and for the payment of the house at Cohasset Narrows, \$900.—\$7400.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

Benj. Cook, teacher,	\$1,100 00
C. M. Bassett, “	314 00
Fuel,	31 76
Stationary, Diplomas and Printing,	49 97
Care,	17 85
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	\$1,513 58

## SCHOOL STREET.

Local Committee, Chas. Dillingham.

J. W. Fairley, teacher,	\$265 00
B. G. Bartley,     "	112 50
R. R. Newcomb,   "	208 00
Olive Holbrook,   "	154 00
M. A. Gregory,     "	82 50
Alice Linekin,     "	35 62
E. B. Stodder,     "	32 00
Repairs and Painting,	174 68
Fuel,	24 64
Care,	9 00
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	\$1,097 94

## HEAD OF THE BAY.

Local Committee, S. S. Ryder.

L. S. Delano, teacher,	\$224 00
Fuel,	14 00
Care,	26 00
Cleaning,	2 00
Repairs and Painting,	46 01
D. S. Gifford, jet, by vote of town,	15 00
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	\$327 01

## MONUMENT.

Local Committee, Cyrenus Eldridge,

T. W. Jenkins, teacher,	\$240 00
Annie A. Gibbs,     "	168 00
Mrs. H. T. Gray.   "	56 00
Fuel,	49 50
Cleaning,	3 25
Repairs and Painting,	106 65
Care,	16 00
A. F. Swift, sundries,	6 68
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	\$646 08

## POCASSET FURNACE.

Local Committee, Zadoc Wright,

J. S. Bartlett, teacher,	\$285 00
Sundries,	17 60
Fuel,	12 62
Care,	19 50
Thos. McAlister, for additional land to save fencing,	50 00
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	\$384 72

## SOUTH POCASSET.

Local Committee, Aaron L. Burgess.

S. B. Perry, teacher,	\$192 00
M. A. Shed, “	75 00
Painting &c.,	35 62
Repairs, .	15 08
Care,	6 50
Fuel,	11 62
Cleaning,	2 50
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	\$338 32

## JARVESVILLE.

Local Committee, Sarah T. McLaughlin.

Sarah T. McLaughlin, teacher,	\$246 00
S. M. Wood, “	270 00
Fuel,	29 70
Care	48 00
Cleaning,	5 90
Repairs,	35 53
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	\$635 13

## SPRING HILL.

Local Committee, W. C. Chipman.

B. G. Bartley, teacher,	\$176 00
May Wing, “	67 50
Fuel,	16 40
Care,	16 00
Repairs,	7 00
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	\$282 90

## SCORTON.

## Local Committee, David Armstrong.

M. F. Percival, teacher,	\$157 50
May Wing,           “	77 00
Care,	13 00
Fuel,	20 50
Cleaning,	2 80
Repairs,	7 85
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	\$278 65

## GREENVILLE.

## Local Committee, Isaiah Fish.

J. O. Bowers, teacher,	\$224 00
Care,	3 50
Stove and Pipe, and putting down desks,	29 58
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	\$257 08

## WAKEBY.

Lina Chamberlain, teacher,	\$161 00
Nellie F. Wood,           “	42 00
Fuel,	23 36
Care,	15 00
Cleaning,	3 41
Repairs on Cistern &c.,	9 60
Work cleaning lot,	9 15
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	\$263 52

## COHASSET NARROWS.

Annie A. Gibbs, teacher,	\$70 00
Fuel,	17 75
Care,	3 00
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	\$90 75

## NEW HOUSE AT COHASSET NARROWS.

Cost of house as per contract,	\$823 82
Lot and grading,	62 67
Furniture and Blackboards,	83 92
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	\$970 41



## SOUTH MONUMENT.

Local Committee, Nathaniel Burgess.

Mrs. H. T. Gray, teacher,	\$182 00
L. E. Foster, “	56 00
Fuel,	6 50
Care	13 00
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	\$257 50

## NORTH SANDWICH.

Local Committee, Chas. H. Burgess, 2d.

J. C. Packard, teacher,	\$240 00
Repairs,	37 45
Care,	28 00
Fuel,	17 40
Cleaning,	4 00
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	\$326 85

## WEST SANDWICH.

Local Committee, Hiram Crowell.

M. A. Gustin, teacher,	\$99 00
E. H. Perkins, “	105 00
Louisa Weston, “	96 00
E. F. Leonard, “	72 00
Care,	36 00
Fuel,	42 12
Repairs,	5 87
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	\$455 99

## WEST TOWN.

Local Committee, John H. Stevens.

C. H. Sears, teacher,	\$256 00
Care,	18 00
Fuel,	4 75
Repairs,	9 08
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	\$287 83

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Books for teachers desks and poor,	\$30 38
Cash paid by Treasurer for Insurance, Express, and sundries for schools,	37 68
J. L. Hammett, for crayons and globes,	28 70
C. H. Burgess & Son, bill of sundries,	2 13
H. G. O. Ellis, bill of sundries,	1 97

Seaside Press, printing report, Stationery, &c.	46 45
Frank H. Burgess, "	1 50
C. H. Burgess, 2d, services, expen's to Plymouth and travel,	29 44
D. Appleton & Co., readers,	12 81
A. C. Stockin, books,	5 08
O. H. Howland, sundries,	2 07
C. M. & F. Clark, sundries,	93
C. Dillingham, postage stationery, expenses and express,	11 75
B. Irwin, stationery,	1 50
Chemicals, &c.,	5 65
C. Dillingham, services as Supt.,	200 00
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	\$418 04

## SCHOOL-BOOK ACCOUNT.

Paid A. Raymond, for books,	\$29 32
Wm. Ware & Co., for books,	67 60
Lee & Shepard, " "	66 72
Nichols & Hall, " "	10 44
D. Appleton & Co., " "	12 72
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	\$186 80

## RECAPITULATION.

Amt. paid teachers,	\$6,140 62
for fuel,	322 62
care,	288 35
repairs,	537 60
cleaning,	23 86
sundries for High School,	49 97
" " A. F. Swift,	6 68
Miscellaneous Expenses,	418 04
Land at Pocasset,	50 00
Clearing lot at Wakeby,	9 15
D. S. Gifford, for Jet,	15 00
New House at Cohasset Narrows,	970 41
School-Book act.,	186 80
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Total,	\$9,019 10
Whole amount expended for Schools purposes,	\$9,019 10
Less cost New House at Cohasset Narrows,	\$970 41
amt. received for School-Books sold,	143 98
Books paid for and unsold, on hand,	42 82
Land at Pocasset,	50 00
Jet,	15 00
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Total cost of Schools,	\$7,796 89

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

	Whole Number of Scholars during the year.	Number Enrolled.	Average Number Belonging.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent. of Attendance.	Number of Scholars over 15 years of age.	Number of Scholars under 5 years of age.
High School,	64	42	45	43.7	97	26	
School Street Grammar,	74	48	43.5	41	89	19	
School Street Intermediate,	60	38	38	34	90	00	00
School Street Sub-Primary,	76	76	51	45	89		
West Primary,	58	41	36	32	90	00	00
West Sandwich, Grammar,	33	22	23	21	91	7	
West Sandwich, Primary,	29	24	22.5	19	84		1
North Sandwich,	41	41	33	28	80.5	4	0
Bay,	21	21	19	16.5	87	2	0
Monument Grammar,	35	32	24	21	87.5	13	0
Monument Primary,	42	41	32	27	84	0	0
South Monument,	29	18	14	12	85.5	7	2
Pocasset,	46	46	36.5	31	84.5	7	00
South Pocasset,	28	28	23	21	83	0	
Greenville,	23	23	16	14	87.5	1	
South Sandwich,	16	16	9	7.5	83		
Spring Hill,	29	27	23	20	87	1	
Scorton,	26	26	23	19	83	00	1
Jarvesville Intermediate	41	40	37	35	94	4	00
Jarvesville Primary,	64	64	50	44.5	89	00	00
Cohasset Narrows,	19	16	17	14	82		1
	854	720	703	60.5	87	91	5

The whole number of children between the age's of five and fifteen on the first day of May 1879, was 596. There have been connected with the Schools, during the year, according to the School Registers, 720. The percentage of attendance has increased from 85 2-3 in 1878-9 to 87 in 1879-80.

CHAS. DILLINGHAM, Supt.

Sandwich, Feb. 3d, 1880.